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JFK, King and Ex appeals — Harold Weisberg 11/1/79

Deloach operation ("Crime records" a la Orwell) and "chronic cards"
Records on Warren Commission/FBI critics not searched and provided
Records on as not searched for: George Thomson
Records not searched for compliance with "other writers" Item of King requests - Divisional records.

Last night I referred you to Mr. Sullivan's book and what it says about the Deloach operation, its control for the FBI and public relations and its importance to the FBI. Earlier I filed appeals relating to an irrational engineer, George Thomson, of Pasadena, Calif. The FBI has refused to search the Deloach/"Crime Records" files in compliance with my requests, particularly not in response to the other writers Item of the King assassination requests.

This morning, at the top of the stack of accumulated copies, there is attached Not Recorded from 62-109060, Section 98. (The identification is illegible on the record as I've mailed it.)

Walter Winchell sent Hoover news of Thomson's demands. The routing to the top brass, the assistant directors, is extensive. Even the Inspector General was included.

This brief memo, prepared for the Director, states that "Crime Records Division maintains a chronic card on George U. Thomson." Certainly a matter of interest in the crime investigations of the FBI.

However, this indicates that this Division maintained its own records outside of Central records and that it had its own initials, which is what a "chronic card" is.

The invisible identification of the file in which the original was placed cannot be the assassination file because this copy is from that file. Who also indicates that assassination records are kept in other files, other files not searched.

This also raises questions about the existence of indices of those classified as other than "chronics," people like me.

There is arbitrary, irresponsible and irrational withholding relating to Thomson in this section or one near it. Despite extensive disclosures about him, including his letterhead, his name is deleted from his letters ed - to protect his privacy."